(In million tonnes)

Railway	Actual tonnage lifted April-February 1993-94	Target April-February 1994-95	Actual tonnage lifted April-February 1994-95	Percentage variation over last year (1993-94)
Central	32.36	33.75	33.30	+2.90
Eastern	63.78	66.45	64.89	+1.74
Northern	22.17	24.00	19.20	—13.39
N. Eastern	2.52	3.05	1.85	—26.59
N. Frontier	4.70	5.65	5.67	+12.13
Southern	17.23	18.55	17.29	+0.35
S. Central	34.67	37.40	32.50	— 6.26
S. Eastern	118.82	126.20	127.63	+ 7.41
Western	24.59	25.95	25.90	+ 5.33
TOTAL :	320.84	341.00	328.33	+ 2.33

(c) This is not comparable as the originating traffic over different railways depends upon the potential, available infrastructure and laid down priorities. The target for revenue earning freight traffic of 1995-96 for entire Indian Railways has been fixed at 398 million tonne and that of freight earning as Rs. 15125 crores. Close interaction is maintained with user agencies for offer of traffic and innovative marketing strategies are adopted. The budget estimates for 1995-96 give a target surplus of Rs. 2055 crores which is an increase of 185 crores over revised estimates of 1994-95.

Recovery of Outstanding dues from State Electricity Boards

4655. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of outstanding dues, as on 31st December, 1994 from each State Electricity Boards and others for transporting coal and related material to thermal power plants in various parts of the country;

(b) since when these dues are outstanding from each State Electricity Board and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps the Railways have taken so far to recover these outstanding dues?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Details about dues outstanding against the State Electri-

city Boards and Thermal Power Plants are given below:—

S. No.	Name of State Electricity Board/Power Plant	Amount due as on 31-12-94 (Rs. in crores)	Since when outstanding date of oldest items
1.	Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board	1.70	6/90
2.	Assam State Electricity Board	3.40	1994-95
3.	Bihar State Electricity Board	13.61	12/93
4.	Delhi Electricity supply undertaking	91.78	1993-94
5.	Gujarat State Electricity Board	39.99	1982-83
6.	Haryana State Electricity Board	85.70	1989-90
7.	Karnataka State Electricity Board	1.59	1994-95
8.	Maharashtra State Electricity Board	28.87	1991-92
9.	M.P. State Electricity Board	2.87	1994-95
10.	Punjab State Electricity Board	17 25	1989-90
11.	Rajasthan State Electricity Board	28.14	1994-95
12.	Tamil Nadu State Electricity Board	6.28	1992-93
13.	U.P. State Electricity Board	72.72	1989-90
14.	W.B. State Electricity Board	23.14	1986-87
15.	N.T.P.C.	621.69	1986-87
16.	Private Sabarmati	1.78	1994-95
	TOTAL :	1040.51	

The main reasons of the dues being outstanding are the financial difficulties of the Boards, disputes about demurrage charges, diversion of wagons etc.

(c) State Electricity Boards and other Power Houses are being repeatedly requested to clear the dues. Ministry of Finance has decided to recover an amount of Rs. 308.05 crores from Central Plan Assistance (except DESU & NTPC). Also compulsory prepayment of freight has been enforced on the Power Houses of Gujarat and Haryana State Electricity Boards.

Further, to discourage State Electricity Boards from booking coal consignment on 'To Pay' basis, surcharges has been further enhanced from 10 per cent to 15 per cent w.e.f. 15.01.95.

Besides adjustment against traction bills of UPSEB and DESU is also being done to minimise this outstanding dues.

Non placement of orders for wagons

4653. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sudden surge of demand for wagons during January-March 1995 and that the Railways were ill-prepared to cope up with such demand;